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SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF NASA EXCESS PROPERTY

1. AS POST AWARE, NASA CEASED OPERATIONS AT ITS JOHANNESBURG TRACKING STATION 1 NOVEMBER 1975 AND IS PRESENTLY COMPLETING FINAL CLOSE-OUT PROCEDURES.
2. EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH THERE IS A NEED ELSEWHERE IN NETWORK IS BEING RELOCATED TO AVOID NECESSITY OF PURCHASING REPLACEMENTS.
3. NASA PLANS TO ABANDON ON SITE REMAINING EQUIPMENT AND ALL REAL PROPERTY SUCH AS STRUCTURES, ANTENNAS AND SO FORTH.

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4. MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT IS 10-15 YEARS OLD AND, ALTHOUGH

OPERATIONAL TO A DEGREE, IS NOT OF SUFFICIENT VALUE TO SHIP ELSEWHERE OR OF COMPARABLE QUALITY TO THE NEWER EQUIPMENT BEING USED ELSEWHERE IN NETWORK.

5. ALSO AS POST AWARE, NASA HAS MADE FEW MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHANNESBURG STATION WITHIN LAST FEW YEARS SENDING IN EQUIPMENT ONLY AS NEEDED FOR REPAIRS OR FOR MISSION PECULIAR SUPPORT.

6. ABANDONMENT PLANS WERE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR BY GSFC DIRECTOR CLARK AND MCKEEHAN DURING THEIR VISIT AT TIME OF TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES 1 NOVEMBER.

7. NASA WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE CLOSE-OUT PROCEDURES AND FINAL NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ASAP.

8. SEPTTEL WILL DISCUSS CONTEMPLATED USES OF EQUIPMENT BY SAG. INGERSOLL

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